

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original) 1. An effervescent granule for use in particulate detergent compositions which comprises

- (a) a particulate acid source; and
- (b) a particulate carbonate source;

wherein the ratio of the d_{50} particle size of the acid source to the carbonate source is from less than 2:1 to greater than 1:1.

Claim 2 (Original) An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ratio of the d_{50} particle size of the acid source to the carbonate source is from 1.9:1 to 1.1:1, preferably from 1.8:1 to 1.2:1.

Claim 3 (Original) An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the effervescent granules comprise from 10 wt% to 60 wt%, preferably from 20 wt% to 50 wt%, more preferably from 30 wt% to 40 wt% of the acid source.

Claim 4 (Original) An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the effervescent granules comprise from 20 to 80 wt%, preferably from 30 to 60 wt%, more preferably from 40 to 50 wt% of the carbonate source.

Claim 5 (Original) An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the effervescent granule comprises at from 50 to 100 wt%, preferably from 60 to 99 wt%, more preferably from 70 to 95 wt%, most preferably from 80 to 90 wt%, of the total of the acid source and carbonate source.

Claim 6 (Original) An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, which is substantially free of alkyl benzene sulphonate surfactant.

Claim 7 (Original) An effervescent granule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the acid source is citric acid.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A laundry detergent composition which comprises from 0.1 to less than 10 wt%, preferably from 0.5 to less than 4 wt%, more preferably from 0.5 to less than 2 wt% of an effervescent granule as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1.